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Millbrook vicinity
Pahaquarry Township
Warren County
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Location: .2 mile east of Old Mine Road, 2.7 miles south of Bushkill, Pa., Millbrook vicinity, Pahaquarry Township, Warren County, New Jersey.

USGS Bushkill Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 18.499710.45444610.

Present Owner: United States Government (1980).

Present Use: Residence.

Significance: One of a complex of structures associated with the Van Campen family settlement in present Pahaquarry Township, the main portion of the Moses Van Campen house is an example of the typical two-and-a-half story frame dwelling built in the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century in the Delaware Water Gap area.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of erection: Probably built ca. 1816. Stylistically, the house would date from the early nineteenth century. In 1816, Moses Van Campen, who had his own house (HABS No. NJ-430), deeded this property to his brother's grandson Moses, who was then aged 26. It seems logical that Moses then built his own house.
2. Architect: Not known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: Reference is to Records Rooms of the County Clerk and Surrogate, Warren County, New Jersey, unless otherwise noted.

1766 Deed: 26 November 1766 Recorded 4 Aug. 1846
Book 26, page 453
Colonel Abraham Van Campen, of Wallpack Township, Esq.,
to
Moses Van Campen, "Yeoman"
Consideration: natural love and affection, and five shillings
Acreage: (1) 139 1/2 (2) 20 (3) "the house lot" (4) 1/2 share of grist mill (5) half of woodland (6) part of island
Grant: portion of premises granted to Col. Abraham Van Campen by John Van Horn et als.,

March 1732, Burlington, Deed Book R, page 87; for additional background see report for the Col. Abraham Van Campen House, HABS No. NJ-430; if grantee should leave no children, the premises were to descend to the grantor's surviving children.

- 1816 Deed: 1816
Book 2, page 40 Sussex County
Moses Van Campen, (1743-1818)
to
Moses Van Campen, Jr., (1790-1871)
- 1871 Will: 25 February 1871 Probated 24 May 1871
Book 4, page 474
Moses Van Campen
Bequests: "I give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin B. containing one hundred and forty nine acres ..."; all real estate not specifically bequeathed to be sold; B.B. Van Campen's inheritance dependent upon the payment of Moses Van Campen's debts and grants to other heirs; "it is my will and order that my Son Benjamin B. Van Campen have three years from my death to Settle up with the heirs in the disposition of the property as far as the bequest of the homestead farm is concerned... by paying interest after one year..."
- 1872 Deed: 19 January 1872 Recorded 17 Jan. 1872
Book 83, page 63
Samuel H. Lanterman, Sheriff of Warren County,
to
James M. Robeson, of Belvidere, New Jersey
Consideration: \$1,250.
Acreage: (1) 120 (2) 29 1/2.
Grant: (1) conveyed to Moses Van Campen by William O. Van Campen, 1855, Book 45, page 551; (2) "known as the house lot"; "the two said lots being the homestead farm of the Defendant Moses Van Campen and is now in the occupation of the defendant Benjamin B. Van Campen"; James K. Swayze recovered damages and suit costs against Charles R. Hill, Moses Van Campen, William O. Van Campen, Benjamin B. Van Campen and Isaac Bunnell; writs of fieri facias issued commanding sheriff to sell goods and chattels of above to make requisite payments; 2 tracts advertised for sale in Belvidere Apollo and Warren Journal; sold at house of William H. Dawes in Belvidere.

- 1872 Deed: 30 March 1872 Recorded 24 April 1872
Book 84, page 161
James M. Robeson, and Sarah, ux, of Belvidere,
to
Hannah J. Van Campen, wife of Benjamin B. Van Campen, of
Pahaquarry Township,
Consideration: \$3,000.
Acreage: (1) 120 (2) 29 1/2 (3) 415 50/100 (4) 114
(5) 10 (6) 20
Grant: (2) "known as the house lot"; (1) and (2)
"being the homestead farm of the late Moses Van
Campen, deceased".
- 1876 Deed: 10 October 1876 Recorded 20 Oct. 1876
Book 98, page 450
John Gardner, Sheriff of Warren County,
to
James M. Robeson, of Belvidere,
Consideration: (1) \$500. (2) \$600 (3) \$800. (4) \$100.
(5) \$25. (6) \$50.
Acreage: (1) (2) 29 1/2 (3) 415 15/100 (4) 114 (5) 10
(6) 20
Grant: "the two lots being the Homestead Farm of the
late Moses Van Campen deceased"; all six tracts were
conveyed to Hannah J. Van Campen by James M. Robeson,
1872; Court of Chancery obtained a decree against B.B.
and Hannah Van Campen for \$3,507.74 and costs, & in
same decree the defendants the Commissioners of the
said Sinking Fund of New Jersey recovered \$6,395 and
costs; Writ of fieri facias issued, 12 July 1876 by
Court of Chancery, Trenton, in cause J. Robeson vs.
B.B. and Hannah Van Campen, and Commissioners of the
Sinking Fund, defendants; re mortgaged premises;
premises to be sold to pay (1) defendants,
Commissioners of Sinking Fund, principal and interest
of Mortgage given by Moses and William O. Van Campen
et ux., to Commissioners, Dec. 1868 (tr. 2 excluded
from mortgage), and (2) J.M. Robeson principal and
interest of Mortgage given by Hannah J. Van Campen and
B.B. Van Campen to Robeson, March 1872; sale
advertised in Belvidere Apollo, Warren Journal.
- 1904 Deed: 7 April 1904 Recorded 11 May 1904
Book 176, page 436
Sarah Ethel Smith, of Ellenville, Ulster County, N.Y.,
to
James Robeson Smith, of same,
Consideration: \$1.00.
Acreage: (1) 120 (2) 29 1/2

Grant: (2) "known as the house lot", "the two lots being the homestead farm of the late Moses Van Campen deceased. Being the first two lots mentioned in a deed from John Gardner, Sheriff, to James M. Robeson", 1876; no mortgages

- 1908 Deed: 20 June 1908
Book 185, page 609
James Robeson Smith, of Belvidere, New Jersey
to
Howard V.A. Robotham, of Neward, New Jersey,
Consideration: \$1.00.
Acreage: 2 tracts
Grant: (1) conveyed by Moses Van Campen to Moses Van Campen, Jr., Sussex Co., Deed Book 2, page 40.
- 1915 Deed: 14 August 1915 Recorded 16 Aug. 1915
Book 204, page 144
Howard V.A. Robotham, and Lulu S., ux., of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania,
to
Samuel Gariss,
Consideration: \$1,800.
Acreage: 2 tracts
Grant: same conveyed by J.R. Smith to Howard V.A. Robotham, 1908, above.
- 1922 Deed: 28 September 1922 Recorded 28 Sept. 1922
Book 227, page 189
Samuel V. Gariss, of Pahaquarry Township,
to
George C. Cheney, of New York, New York
Consideration: \$2,700.
Acreage: 2 tracts
Grant: same as Robotham to Gariss, 1915; Subject to tenancy of Chris Engel, expires 14 Aug. 1915.
- 1926 Deed: 13 September 1926 Recorded 17 Sept. 1926
Book: 242, page 541
George C. Cheney, of New York City,
to
Julia Orthwine, of New York City,
Consideration: \$1.00.
Acreage: 2 lots (1) 120 50/100 (2) 29 1/4
Grant: (2) "known as the house lot"; reference to 1816 Deed, Moses Van Campen to Moses Van Campen, Jr.; Same conveyed by Gariss to Cheney, 1922. Two mortgages, \$2,000.

1932 Deed: 1 July 1932
Book 267, page 402
Rudolph Orthwine,
to

Recorded 15 July 1932

Julia D. Orthwine, of Pahaquarry Township,

Consideration: \$1.00.

Acreage: (1) 1 50/100 (2) 6 7/10 (3) 19 1/2B- (1) 71
(2); C- (1) 130

Grant: A (3) same conveyed by Samuel Gariss to
Orthwine, 1926; (see Agreements 1, page 114); B- Allen
R. Shea to John Lamb et als., 1898; and 1921, Levi
Mackey, Sheriff to R. Orthwine; C- Walter Van Campen
et ux., to Poxono Realty, and Mackey to R. Orthwine,
1928.

1969 Deed: 4 March 1968
Book 494, page 643
Julia Orthwine
to

Rudolph Orthwine, and Samuel Kinston

Consideration: \$10.00.

Acreage: several tracts; (1) (2)

Grant: (2) "known as the house lot"; (1) and (2)
reference to Moses Van Campen to Moses Van Campen,
Jr., Sussex Co., Deed Book 2, p. 40; and reference to
George Cheney, from Gariss, 1922. Trust Agreement
(Robert D. Stern, successor, in event of Rudolph
Orthwine's death; Orthwine d. 13 July 1970).

4. Original plans and construction: The Moses Van Campen House stands within yards of the Colonel Abraham Van Campen House (HABS No. NJ-430), the Abraham Van Campen House (HABS No. NJ-822), the James Van Campen House (HABS No. NJ-825), and the Andrew Van Campen House.

In 1766, Colonel Abraham Van Campen divided his land in Pahaquarry Township between two of his sons, Abraham (1736-1811) and Moses (1743-1818). Moses, who had received Colonel Abraham's own dwelling as well as half the farmland, apparently provided his brother's grandson with a tract of land, since he had no descendants of his own.

The two-and-a-half story farmhouse under consideration is known to have been the homestead of Moses the Grandson (1790-1871) (Will, 1876). Its date of erection is unknown, but available documentary evidence suggests ca. 1816, which is compatible with the architectural evidence.

5. Alterations and additions: The one-and-a-half story wing which contains the present kitchen was added at a later date, as was the dining room extension built by the Orthwine family. The front porch and bay window date from the Victorian period (Souder, p. 113., Orthwine).

B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the Structure:

Moses Van Campen (b. 31 October 1790, d. 27 April 1871), farmer. A great-grandson of Colonel Abraham Van Campen, Moses lived at the center of the Van Campen family settlement in Pahaquarry Township. Active in Township government, he served as: Town Clerk (1860-1861), Collector (1859-1860), Chosen Freeholder (1825-1831, 1833-1836, 1849-1850), Committeeman (1825-1831, 1836, 1851-1853), and Road-Master (1825) (Snell, pp. 698-699).

Benjamin B. Van Campen (b. 20 April 1834, d. 10 February 1901), farmer. He served as Collector (1863-1864), Freeholder (1869-1871), and Committeeman (1847, 1868) for Pahaquarry Township (Snell, pp. 698-699).

James M. Robeson Served Warren County as:
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (appointed 1834, and 1872),
Prosecutor of the Pleas (1860-1865), and Commissioner of Deeds (1846) (Snell, pp. 481-483).

C. Sources of Information

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) in cooperation with the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, supervised by the National Park Service and funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The project, which extended from 1967 to 1971, was under the general direction of James C. Massey, Chief of HABS. The historical data was written by Lynn Beebe Weaver, project historian, 1971. The written data was edited for transmittal to the Library of Congress in the summer of 1980 by Alison K. Hoagland of the HABS staff. The photographs were taken by George Eisenman in 1968 and 1971.